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I saw Foster after the staff meeting this morning and again advocated his talking, at an appropriate time during the Conference, alone with Molotov and his interpreter (young Troyanovski, son of the former U.S.S.R. Ambassador to the U.S.) in an effort to draw him out and ascertain if any serious business can be transacted.

The Conference this afternoon was held for the first time in the Russian High Commissioner's Office and Residence in the East Sector of Berlin, where it will continue for the rest of the week. This grandiose building, its interior rich in gilt and marbles, looks a little like Grand Central Station in New York converted to business and social uses.

Molotov presided. Foster relinquished on the first round his opportunity to speak. Bidault commented briefly. Eden made an exceptionally fine exposition of EDC and how, as a security instrument, it would squelch any attempts to revive German militarism.

We desisted from business for twenty minutes and ebbed away to the buffet. The huge table there groaned under its burden of food and drink. There were caviar blobs on toast, ham, cheese, cakes, sandwiches, vodka, brandy, red and white Caucasian wines, tea in cups and glasses. Our own delegation quarters are ample, and probably all wired for monitoring of conversations.

After this recess, Molotov spoke for over two hours on the old and familiar Soviet themes, repetitious, stale, and concluded with the advocacy of summoning a German peace conference for October.

Got home late, went out to a late dinner, bedded down late.

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